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#### ADVERTISING.

Government agents have recently been active in seizing what is called "The Finished Mystery," a posthumous work of Pastor Russell, which is alleged to contain seditious matter.

We read six of the bound volumes written by the pastor while he was in the flesh, and a copy of the seventh—the volume which is now interdicted—was brought to us. After examining the work and seeing that it was a mass of Biblical quotations and references, we consigned it to the shelf.

The proscribed book is published by the International Bible Students' Association, and had the Government not started a crusade against it the work would have circulated only among members of that sect, while the country at large would have known nothing of it and cared less. But it has been given the best advertisement possible; curious people will desire to examine it.

This brings to mind the publicity given other books in bygone days by placing them upon the Index Expurgatorius. For instance, Eugene Sue's "Wandering Jew."

About forty years ago an enterprising firm advertised for a book known as "The Mysteries of the Court of George IV." It was alleged in the advertisement that but few copies were circulated at the time it was published, the British government having seized and destroyed all copies that could be discovered. Several copies of the book, however, were found in Alexandria. As the publisher supposed, everybody wanted to peruse the volume, and a large edition was printed. Those who read it—we never did—pronounced the book one of the most non-interesting they had ever read.

Many years ago a novel entitled "Robert Elsmere" was published in London. Somebody stated that he saw a copy on Premier Gladstone's desk. Everybody desired to read it—we among the number. We have often thought how many hours we spent reading a book which contained nothing especially worth repeating.

#### GERMANY VS. CHRISTIANITY.

More than 3,000,000 Christian Armenians, Georgians and others, among whom are seventeen American missionaries, are in imminent peril of being massacred by the Turks and Tartars in northeastern Turkey and Transcaucasia.

This information was contained in private cables to the American Board of Missions in Boston.

The advices, which came from agents of the board now in the line of the Teuton drive in the east, said the Turks and Tartars, under German direction are being incited to wipe out the Christians. The details of the Teuton plan "would strike terror to the civilized world," according to the report.

Germany is making every effort to incite the Tartars and Turks to unite in an attack on the Armenians and Georgians, for the reason that Germany wishes to eliminate the Armenians and Georgians, for the reason that Germany wishes to eliminate the Armenians and Georgians from the political issues of the transcaucasus and to establish a line of communication through to the Persian Gulf.

The above expose, when contrasted with the Kaiser's assumption that the Low Countries is in the German war, needs no comment.

#### REUSE ALL OFFERS.

When the German armies swept into Luxembourg on their way to France the young Duchess wheeled her automobile across the road, but had no resources for offering more than a more pro forma resistance. Swiss dispatches have lately disclosed the fact that Germany has been trying to carry its long practiced matrimonial campaign into Luxembourg in order to annex the Duchess and the Duchy, and is showing marked signs of irritation at its failure. One German prince after another has been sent to Luxembourg to court the Duchess, who has committed loss of face by rejecting all of them, and the Germans are beginning to inti-

mate that if gentle means will not do, there are others in the Prussian repertory that will. We may hear at any time that the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg has been kidnapped.

#### THE BERLIN DICKER.

Having found some enemies whom it can defeat—because they have laid down their arms—Germany is making the most of its opportunities by continuing its invasion of northern Russia and adding thereto the occupation of Odessa.

As the Philadelphia Record says, these things demonstrate that no trust can be placed in any German peace; the power to resist Germany is the only thing other nations can depend on.

The German Government knows perfectly well that what it has not been able to accomplish in the west in three and a half years, it can never accomplish. It can not dislodge the allies from the western front, and they can stay there longer than the German armies can. William II knows this, and so do Von Hindenburg and Von Hertling. The people have for some time been getting a fairly clear understanding of this fact, but the government did not dare seek peace with the allies without having made sure of enough glory elsewhere to "save its face."

Now we have the German newspapers chortling over the possession of a road to India, and semi-official articles in the papers suggest to the Germans the impossibility of victory in the west. These facts are thought to give significance to vague rumors, which are visible in some of the German newspapers, and have reached this country by other means, that Germany will seek peace in the west, and make the most of its gains in the east to convince its people that the war was a great German success.

#### THE PRICE OF A TOGA.

The death of former United States Senator Isaac Henderson at Marinette, Wis., this week brings to mind the charge made against the deceased several years ago that his election was due to the profuse expenditure of money. The Senate made an exhaustive investigation of the charge, and ascertained that Mr. Henderson spent \$113,000 in his campaign.

This brings to mind a contest between two men for a seat in the British House of Commons a long time ago. The members of this body receive no salary. It was shown that the successful candidate spent \$50,000 and his competitor \$40,000.

#### RAIDER'S DRAMATIC END.

"I Had My Orders," Is Reply to Charge That He Killed Women and Children.

Paris, March 16.—Captain Schoeber, of Munich, who was aboard the bombing Gotha brought down at Essones, in the department of Seine-et-Oise, on Monday night, met a dramatic end. His two companions were burned to death, but the captain managed to extricate himself from the blazing machine and to run away from it. A French soldier saw him and rolled him on the ground to extinguish his burning clothing.

General D—, commanding the lines of communication, was passing in an automobile and took the captain to a hospital where his condition was found to be hopeless. Although suffering severely from burns on all parts of his body, Captain Schoeber showed extraordinary self-command in answering questions of General D.

"You had a mission to perform, and you accomplished it or were you going to do so?" asked the general.

"I had already accomplished it, general."

"You went to Paris?"

"Yes, general."

"But wretch! You killed women and children," cried the general.

"I had my orders," was the reply.

Captain Schoeber died of his injuries during the morning.

#### WIN RATE INCREASE.

Eastern Railroads Granted a Higher Per Cent Increase Yesterday.

Washington, March 16.—Eastern railroads won a substantial victory yesterday afternoon when the Interstate Commerce Commission granted a 15 per cent increase in class and commodity rates on all roads in that section of the country. The increase was allowed on practically all articles on which the roads asked a raise in rates.

The decision marks the first rate increase of consequence since the Federal Government took over the operation of the roads. The petition, which was known as the "15 per cent case," was filed with the commission before the roads were taken over. Under the order issued by the commission an increase of not more than 15 cents a long ton in anthracite coal rates is provided; 15 per cent increase on live stock and fresh meat and a similar increase on grain and grain products.

The commission also ordered that in establishing the increases rates from

Chicago to New York and Montreal and from New York to Chicago may be increased 15 per cent. Such increases may be scaled to or from percentage points or groups upon the established groupings and percentages.

Established groupings of points of departure and destination under committee rates may be preserved even though the rates are increased slightly more than 15 per cent. Rates via the established all-rail differential lines may be made the same differentials under the standard all-rail rates that now exist.

#### CALL MEN OF FIFTY.

English Officer Declares Germany is Preparing to Strike at Heart of Nation.

Lristol, England, March 16.—Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, speaking here declared the disposition of the German armies on the British front was most remarkable.

"They have been placed mass upon mass," he said, "and Germany's military object will be to strike at England. I have no doubt Germany will strike not only at our forces in France, but also, if she can, at the heart of England. Men in enormous forces, a. Istaishrdmefwp mous numbers are wanted, including men up to fifty to join for home defense."

#### DAYLIGHT BILL PASSED.

House Votes Overwhelmingly for Resetting Nation's Clocks.

The daylight saving bill, which is to set the clocks of the nation ahead one hour between the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October, was passed by the House yesterday by an overwhelming majority. Only 40 votes were registered against the bill. It passed the Senate in June of last year. The House yesterday amended the Senate bill, which provided for a five month's period, instead of a sev-

en months' period, in which clocks shall be set ahead. Senator Calder, of New York, author of the bill will today move that the Senate concur in the House amendments.

The measure has the approval of President Wilson, of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Fuel Administration, and many other high government officials.

#### Board Meeting Adjourned.

The adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alexandria Hospital for the election of officers and transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, which was to have been held March 19, 1918, has been postponed to March 26, 1918.

ARTHUR HERBERT, Jr., Secretary.

#### Classified Advertising

LOST—Last night between 9 and 10 o'clock, while going from 304 South Fairfax street to the station house, a pocketbook containing \$40 and passes to the plant of the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation. The finder will leave the pocketbook and contents at the station house and receive reward. 65-3t

AGENTS—Make big profits selling our extracts, perfumes, cold creams, face powders, sprays, medicines, etc., Beautiful highgrade line. Exclusive territory. Sample soap free. Lacassian Co., Dept. 95, St. Louis, Mo.

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WANTED—Twenty-five girls to learn winding and spinning. No education required, and good wages paid while learning. Apply at the Klots Silk Mills, Pitt and Wilkes streets, Alexandria. 64-24t

FOR SALE—One five-ton truck body; one three-ton truck body. These bodies will be delivered in Alexandria, Va. Have no use for them will sell them cheap. Central Garage, Manassas, Va. 61-tf.

FOR SALE—Fine young mule, big, sound, and good worker. \$200 cash. C. A. Gwinn.

PAPER HANGING, and Window Shades made to order. Estimates cheerfully given. H. E. Webb, 137 South Fairfax street. Phone 716. Thurs.-Fri.-Sat.-tf.

FOR SALE—Lunch room and rooming house. Inquire at 300 North Patrick street. 63-3t

WANTED—Boy 16 or 17 years old for general work around office. Call at office of Briggs Aeroplane Company, city. 62-3t.

FOR SALE—A 1915 Chevrolet automobile, in first class condition. Good bargain to quick purchaser. Inquire of Mt. Vernon Auto Co., Alexandria, Va. 307-tf.

WANTED—Two or three rooms for light housekeeping. No children. Address R. care Gazette. 64-3t.

OLD FALSE TEETH WANTED—Don't matter if broken. I pay \$2 to \$15 per set. Also cash for old gold, silver, and broken jewelry. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. Will hold goods 10 days for senders approval of my offer. L. Mazer-2007 south 5th street, Phila., Pa.

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#### Special Meeting.

Pursuant to due resolution of the Board of Directors a special meeting of the stockholders of WILLIAMS, BELMONT & COMPANY, INC., will be held at the principal office of the company, No. 123 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, on the 16th day of March, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon of that day to consider a proposed amendment to Article IV. of the Charter of the corporation to provide for an increase in the capital stock from \$180,000, to \$750,000, by the authorization of 27,000 additional shares of Common Stock at \$10 par value each and to consider any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

JOSEPH H. SCHOENBERGER, Secretary.  
J. K. M. NORTON, Esq., Atty., dated, New York City, Feb. 26, 1918. 50-15t.

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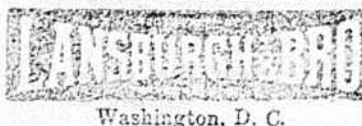
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# Swift & Company Publicity

At a recent hearing of the Federal Trade Commission there was introduced correspondence taken from the private files of Swift & Company, which showed that the Company had been considering for some time an educational advertising campaign.

The need for this publicity has been apparent to us for several years. The gross misrepresentation to which we have recently been subjected has convinced us that we should no longer delay in putting before the public the basic facts of our business, relying on the fair-mindedness of the American people.

The feeling against the American packer is based largely on the belief that the income and well-being of the producer and consumer are adversely affected by the packers' operations, resulting in unreasonably large profits.

Swift & Company's net profit is reasonable, and represents an insignificant factor in the cost of living.

For the fiscal year 1917 the total sales and net profit of Swift & Company were as follows:

Sales  
\$875,000,000.

Profits  
\$34,650,000.

This is equivalent to a \$3,465. profit on a business of \$87,500.

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